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1. KISSINGER AFRICAN TRIP: COLUMNIST MANUEL RODRIGUES, WRITING IN APRIL 20 "O DIA", SAID: "IF KISSINGER FOUND IT ESSENTIAL NOW TO SET UP THIS EXTENSIVE AND EXHAUSTIVE TRIP, WHICH WILL OCCUPY TWO WEEKS OF HIS TIME, IT IS CERTAINLY BECAUSE HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE MOMENT HAD COME TO REFORMULATE ALL OF THE U.S. POLICY IN AFRICA..." PRESS PLAY IN GENERAL HAS BEEN BASED ON WIRE-SERVICE STORIES AND WAS STRAIGHTFORWARD. ONE SAMPLE: APRIL 20 "O SEUCLO" HEADLINE -- "ACCORDING TO IDI AMIN: KISSINGER IS AFRICA'S WORST ENEMY."

2. COMMUNISTS IN WEST EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS: DISCUSSION HAS RECEIVED CONTINUED PLAY IN PORTUGUESE NEWSPAPERS. FIVE-COLUMN FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE IN APRIL 20 "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" ON FRANCE-PRESSE STORY FROM MOSCOW WAS, "USSR ACCUSES U.S. OF BREAKING EUROPEAN SECURITY AGREEMENT." COMMUNIST-LINING "O DIARIO" OF APRIL 19 GAVE THE POLEMIC A LOCAL TOUCH BY ATTEMPTING TO RELATE SECSTATE'S REMARKS ABOUT

COMMUNISTS IN WESTERN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS TO RECENT VISITS BY PPD AND PS LEADERS TO U.S. "O DIARIO" SAID UNCLASSIFIED

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KISSINGER'S STATEMENTS PUT PORTUGUESE POLITICIANS, ESPECIALLY

SOCIALIST MARIO SOARES, IN A "DELICATE POSITION" -- THAT
"MR. KISSINGER DID NOT ESTABLISH, AS HAD MR. MARIO SOARES,
A DIFFERENCE AMONG THE COMMUNIST PARTIES OF WESTERN EUROPE"
UNNAMED WRITER QUOTES SECSTATE AS SAYING, "EVEN IF PORTUGAL
HAD IMITATED THE ITALIAN MODEL, WE WOULD HAVE OPPOSED THAT."
ARTICLE CONTINUED: "IN A FINAL SENTENCE WHICH REDUCED TO DUST,
IN JUST A FEW SECONDS, THE DOZENS OF THOUSANDS OF WORDS WRITTEN
AND SPOKEN NOT ONLY BY THE PS LEADERS BUT ALSO BY THE
GENTLEMEN OF THE CDS AND PPD, HENRY KISSINGER STATED THAT THE
SOVIET UNION PROBABLY WAS NOT A DECISIVE ELEMENT IN
PORTUGAL'.... WHAT WOULD DR. MARIO SOARES HAVE TO SAY
ABOUT THE CONCEPT OF DEMOCRACY HELD BY THE AMERICAN
SECRETARY OF STATE? IT IS A STRANGE ALLIANCE INDEED IN
WHICH THE PROTECTOR CONTRADICTS AND MAKES RIDICULOUS THE
PROTECTED, AND CONFESSES THE EXISTENCE OF RULES WHICH SHOULD
BE OBEYED --- RULES WHICH FOR MONTHS WERE DENIED BY A
SOCIALIST PARTY WHICH CALLED ITSELF ANTI-IMPERIALIST.."

3. RADIO LIBERTY: LEFTIST "DIARIO POPULAR" OF APRIL 15
CARRIED INSIDE-PAGE ARTICLE HEADLINE, "DADIO LIBERTY' TO
LEAVE SPAIN." ARTICLE, BY FRANCE PRESSE, SAID: "THE
U.S. AND SPAIN REACHED AGREEMENT TO REMOVE THE U.S. 'RADIO
LIBERTY' -- WHICH BROADCASTS TO THE EAST -- FROM SPANISH
SOIL WITHIN TWO OR THREE YEARS. A RELIABLE SOURCE IN MADRID
ALSO REPORTS THAT SPAIN WILL GIVE THE U.S. THE TIME IT NEEDS
TO CONSTRUCT, IN SOME OTHER COUNTRY, A TRANSMITTER TO REPLACE
THE ONE WHICH PRESENTLY OPERATES AT GERONA, IN CATALUNA.
IT IS KNOWN, ON THE OTHER HAND, THAT SPAIN AND THE SOVIET
UNION HAVE MADE KNOWN THEIR INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING REGULAR
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, FOLLOWING UP ON TALKS BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES..."
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